

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

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1. On 31 July 1951, 58 two-seater single-engine low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines and 6 biplanes were parked at Brandenburg-Arado airfield. About 10:30 a.m., 37 plants took off from the field and assembled into four flights of 9 and 10 aircraft each. After flying for about 15 minutes, the planes landed.

2. On 31 July and 2 August, the Pionier Kaserne on Einsteinstrasse was still occupied by 700 to 800 men. The sentry wore blue epaulets. Individual soldiers with tank insignia were also seen. The insignia of the air force soldiers indicated that most of them were flying personnel. Motor vehicles observed included: passenger

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3. Between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. and 5 and 6 p.m. on 13 August, about 52 single-engine aircraft and 2 biplanes were seen at the airfield. The planes were parked in six groups of 8, and one group of 5 to 7 planes on the eastern edge of the field. Two of the groups of eight aircraft had red tips on their tail units and white-bordered Soviet stars. Eight other planes had no special markings on their tail units and the Soviet stars had no white borders. Eight other aircraft, which had no markings on their tail units, had white-bordered Soviet stars. The white number 41 was identified on a plane with a red tip on its tail unit. Individual twin-engine aircraft took off and landed at the field. Motor vehicle traffic was not observed. *

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* Comment. The report does not indicate any change in the occupation of the airfield. A ground attack regiment equipped with IL-10s and a ground attack division headquarters are, therefore, still believed to be stationed at the field. The [redacted] to the ground unit of the ground attack regiment and the division headquarters.

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